

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2177 - HB 2945

February 16, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Eliminates potential barriers to entry for telecommunication providers by making commercial, multi-tenant facilities available to all telecommunications providers where technically feasible and at just and reasonable compensation to the building owner. Eliminates exclusive contracts between a building owner and a single telecommunication provider. Authorizes the Tennessee Regulatory Authority to revoke the right to access by a carrier failing to pay compensation ordered by the TRA or as provided in any agreement or contract. Authorizes the TRA to promulgate appropriate rules and regulations and resolve and determine issues as to the compensation due from telecommunication carriers to owners of commercial buildings or to other telecommunication carriers for the provision of access; and to determine issues such as unreasonable interference, or damages, or as to any other issues involving the interpretation and application of this bill. Authorizes the TRA to have general jurisdiction for the enforcement of this bill, and in order to assure compliance, may institute investigations.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$70,700 Recurring
\$6,000 One-Time**

Estimate reflects the establishment of 2 positions in TRA and related expenses to conduct investigations and other enforcement activities required of TRA by the bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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